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Dear Mr Fletcher

Thank you for your request of 29 January 2018 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I would like to know if HNZ are actively progressing new builds in the Hamilton area, or have plans to do so in the near future. To substantiate the response, I would appreciate details of current stock levels, occupant levels, and waiting list numbers in the Hamilton area.

On 30 January 2018 you clarified your request to:

I am asking primarily whether HNZ have any plans for new builds within Hamilton. There is an Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch development program, and I would like to know if HNZ have a strategy/program for Hamilton - particularly for new builds? Or are there currently sufficient stock levels and HNZ properties within Hamilton, and new builds are not planned for the near future?

I have considered your request under the Act and can advise the following:

- In the 2016/2017 financial year Housing New Zealand built 73 new homes, and purchased 13 existing homes in Hamilton city.
- Between 1 July and 31 December 2017, Housing New Zealand built 27 new homes and purchased 3 existing homes in Hamilton city.
- For the 2018 calendar year, there are currently 65 new state houses under construction or contracted to be built in Hamilton city.
- In addition Housing New Zealand has contracts to build 45 new homes that will be sold to the Waikato-Taunui iwi as affordable or market homes in Hamilton city.

New builds are newly constructed properties by builders or developers in the form of house and land packages. They are usually standalone houses in new subdivisions but can be medium or high density units. New builds include any new construction on land not previously owned by Housing New Zealand.

In addition to new builds, Housing New Zealand may also purchase suitable houses from the property market which are then let immediately after settlement. This occurs in places where the cost of building new housing exceeds the cost of purchasing existing housing.

For statistics about Housing New Zealand's current stock numbers please visit <https://www.hnzc.co.nz/publications/housing-statistics-managed-stock/>

For statistics about Housing New Zealand's current vacant property numbers please visit <https://www.hnzc.co.nz/publications/housing-statistics-vacant-properties/>

As the Housing Register is managed by the Ministry of Social Development, please visit <http://www.housing.msd.govt.nz/information-for-housing-providers/register/housing-register.html#LatestresultsndashnbspSeptember20171>

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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